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with regard to the question raised by the hon. Member Sri Ratnam and the other with regard to the question raised by the hon. Member Sri S. Ramalingam. I do not think it is possible . . ."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I do not belittle the importance of the questions on which half-hour debates have already been allowed, Sir . . ."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" I shall withdraw the request for half-hour debate, in view of the importance of the other question which the hon. Member Sri K. Vinayakam has raised and that a half-hour debate may be allowed on that subject."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let hon. Members consult each other and come to a conclusion and inform me at 3 p.m. in my Chamber as to which half-hour debates are to be taken up."

Acquisition of private slums in the City.

* 337 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any amount is allotted in the budget for 1954–55 under the Scheme of the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act, 1954, for purchasing private slums in the City of Madras; and

(*b*) the extent of land the Government propose to assign to the Harijans by acquisition in the City of Madras?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) The question of assignment will arise only when lands are acquired or acquisition is decided upon."

Opening of a sub-treasury at Quilandy, Malabar district.

* 338 *Q.*—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government are arranging to open a sub-treasury at Quilandy in Kurumbranad taluk, North Malabar?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The question of opening a sub-treasury at Quilandy is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV :—" In view of the fact that Quilandy is the headquarters of a sub-taluk, and in view also of the fact that the present treasury at Badagara lies 40 miles away from most amsams of this sub-taluk, will the Government sympathetically consider the matter and take urgent steps to open a sub-treasury at Quilandy? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I am aware of that and that is the reason why I stated that I am going to consider the matter sympathetically."